

REMARKS

The applicants wish to thank the examiner for the courtesy shown the undersigned and Dr. Julie Meigs in the multiple telephone conferences during the week of July 30, 2007. The amended claims are the result of these conferences and such claims are fully supported by the specification and claims as originally filed.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the applicants, through the undersigned, note that the enclosed amended claims have been presented only to expedite prosecution. The applicants do not intend, by this amendment, to abandon the subject matter of the claims as originally filed and thereby reserve the right to pursue such subject matter in a continuing application. More specifically, it is the applicants' position that the specification as originally filed is fully supportive of claims wherein the dimeric tetravalent antibodies are purified to less than 98% homogeneity. It is also the applicants' position that such claims are fully patentable in view of the prior and therefore the applicants are fully entitled to such claims.

CONCLUSION

If the examiner identifies any points that he feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, he is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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